(vii) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Union Territories) Rules, 1983;

(viii) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(ix) The Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986;

(x) The Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989;

(xi) The Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989; and

(xii) The Manufacture, Use, Import, Export & Storage of Hazardous Micro-Organisms Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells Rules, 1989.

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Banned Toxic Wastes

580. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
DR. A.K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some countries and corporations producing banned toxic wastes are trying to get 're-defined' the hazardous wastes listed under the Basel Convention;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to block such an attempt at the International Fora?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Security to VIPs and VVIPs

581. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total annual cost being incurred by the Government in providing security to VIPs and VVIPs; and

(b) the amount being spent on NSG and SPG annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The total cost incurred by the Delhi Police, NSG and SPG on the security of VIPs/VVIPs during 1995-96 was about Rs.62.03 crore.

(b) Amount spent on NSG and SPG during 1995-96 is given below :

NSG	-	Rs. 52.06 Crore
SPG	-	Rs. 32.89 Crore

SC/ST and OBC Commissions

582. SHRI P. KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) The vacancy position of the Members and the Chairperson of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Commission and Backward Classes Commission alongwith the date from which these vacancies are lying vacant;

(b) the reasons for not fulfilling these posts in time;

(c) the time by which all these vacancies are likely to be filled up; and

(d) the criteria being followed to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) There is no vacancy in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Commission, but there are, however, vacancies in the National Commission for Backward Classes as given below:

Name of the Post	Since Vacant
Chairperson	23-8-96
Member (Social Scientist)	23-8-96
Member (Persons having special knowledge in mattes relating to Backward classes)	18-8-96
-do-	15-9-96
Member Secretary	14-11-96

(b) There has been some delay as the Ministry is making efforts to nominate capable and committed persons in the Commission.

(c) No time-frame can be given in this regard.

(d) The following criteria adhered to for filling up these posts :

(i) a Chairperson who is or has been a Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court.

(ii) a Social Scientist;

(iii) two persons who have special knowledge in matters relating to Backward Classes; and

(iv) a Member-Secretary who is or has been an officer of the Central Government in the rank of a Secretary to the Govt. of India.